

## NEW COAL STRIKE TO BOTHER SENATORS

West Virginia Miners Out Again as Peonage Probe Stands Ready to Begin.

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ate committee to subpoena him if he is to be found.  
A dozen deputy sergeants-at-arms of the Senate will be here tomorrow to serve subpoenas on unwilling witnesses.

## Nineteen Mine Leaders Indicted by Grand Jury

CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 8.—President John F. White and eighteen other officials of the United Mine Workers of America, have been indicted in the Federal court here on a charge of violating the Sherman anti-trust law. It is alleged the defendants conspired with the coal operators of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois to raise wages in the West Virginia coal fields so as to prevent its competition with the other four States in the Western market.

**Leaders Under Indictment.**  
Those named in the indictments are: John P. White, president; Frank J. Hayes, vice president; Thomas Haggerty, Joseph Vasey, James Cantrell, Charles Hatley, Marco Roman, George H. Edmonds, and Benjamin F. Morris, organizers of the United Mine Workers of America; Thomas Cairns, president; Clarence C. Griffith, vice president; James M. Grago, secretary of District No. 17, United Mine Workers of America, and James Diana, John Nutter, Rome Mitchell, W. S. Reese, F. D. Stanley, U. S. Cantley, and A. D. Lyander, subordinate officers of District No. 17.

The indictments charge that the nineteen men, affiliated with the United Mine Workers of America, did in Kanawha county, W. Va., and within the jurisdiction of the Federal district court, engage in a combination and conspiracy in restraint of trade and commerce in the several States. The offense is said to have started September 1, 1912, and continued since.

**Competition Alleged Cause.**  
It is contended in the indictment that there has been acute competition between the operators of West Virginia and the operators of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois for the market in Canada and the Great Lakes' trade. It is charged that the mines in the competitive States are unionized, dominated by the United Mine Workers, and the coal operators of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois have entered "into a combination and conspiracy with miners' union wherein the alleged conspirators have agreed to prohibit the coal mined in West Virginia from entering the lake markets and Canada."

The alleged conspiracy, it is stated, has resulted in much violence and lawlessness at the mines of the West Virginia operators on Paint and Cabin creeks. Loss of life and destruction of property necessitated martial law.

**Contentions of Operators.**  
The coal mine operators of West Virginia mined and sold in 1910 about \$60,000,000 worth of coal. They employ about 70,000 workers, most of whom have not been employed since a year ago a strike broke out suddenly among the mine workers of the Cabin and Paint Creek districts.

These strikes, the coal operators contend, were not strikes by employees for better wages or other reasons, but in conditions, but were caused by outsiders, and were the result of an effort by the United Mine Workers of America to "organize" those districts. The mine workers allege and say they are ready to prove that their greed for gain the mine owners and operators have violated the peonage laws of the United States, have interfered with and obstructed the postal service and facilities, and have caused to be arrested, tried, and convicted the products of the United States in violation of the Constitution and laws of the United States.

The operators formally charge that the immigration laws of the country have been violated in the West Virginia coal fields, that the coal fields have been discriminated against in the administration of the immigration laws at ports of entry, and that firearms, ammunition, and explosives have been shipped into the West Virginia coal fields with the purpose to exclude the products of the fields from competitive markets in interstate trade.

These charges, a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor will investigate here next week beginning at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

**Many Colored Workmen.**  
There are about 12,000 mine workers in the Cabin and Paint Creek regions. It is estimated by the operators that less than 1,000 of these belong to the local unions. Fifty per cent of the mine workers in West Virginia are native Americans, 3 per cent colored, and 47 per cent foreigners. The latter come from Southern Italy, Hungary, Greece, and Sweden.

The natives, most of whom are daring mountaineers, are ready and persistent fighters. They have led the strikers. Some of the Italians, encouraged by the reckless mountaineers, have been very aggressive and dangerous.

The negroes for the first time it is said, in the history of the labor union movement in this section of the country have become enthusiastic over the labor organization. They are supporting "their white co-workers."

A commission appointed by former Governor Glasscock after looking over the Cabin Creek and Paint Creek fields, reported: "We consider the guard system as recently maintained on the two creeks as vicious and bad. It is contrary to the spirit and genius of our free institutions. There is much evidence tending to show that some of the guards were not even residents of the State."

It was also found that these guards "openly, recklessly, and flagrantly violated, in respect to the miners on Paint Creek and Cabin Creek, the rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution to every citizen."

In the face of this report, Governor Glasscock supported the "military commission" which he created in his efforts to bring order by casting people in prison. It is alleged by the miners, without jury trial.

It is estimated by the mine workers that about 150 persons have been tried and convicted by the "military commission." The subcommittee of the Senate, with Senator Claude Swanson of Virginia as chairman, will hear about two hundred witnesses.

## Leaves Home to Marry Stepbrother



MRS. HELENE MEYERS BARCHFELD.

## THREE CAMPAIGNS ON IN ALEXANDRIA

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., JUNE 8.

With three campaigns under way, two of them for State offices and one which may result in a local option election, Alexandria is in the midst of a political turmoil which is the sole object of talk on the streets.

Thirty days ago there was not a cloud on the political sky and the comment was made that for the first time in years there would be no contest in Alexandria this year. The time for the entry of candidates for municipal and State offices went by, and there being no candidates beyond the incumbents they were declared the nominees of the Democratic party, which is equivalent to an election.

Just previous to the closing of the nominations for a member of the legislature, Major E. W. R. Ewing, of Alexandria county, entered the race against City Councilman J. Fred Birrell, who has been a candidate since Robinson Monroe, the incumbent, announced two years ago that he would retire from the legislature at the expiration of his present term. O. P. Angelo, an engineer on the Southern railway, made the third in the three-cornered race and an active campaign has been in progress.

Under ordinary circumstances Birrell probably would have no difficulty in winning on account of his personal popularity and his long start on the other two candidates, but the injection of the liquor question in the fight and the effort to hold Birrell responsible for the action of a minority in city council in refusing to vote for the increase in liquor licenses have complicated the situation. The legislative primary will be held July 8.

The second fight developed this week when Lewis H. Machen and Alexander J. Wedderburn, two local newspaper men, filed notification of their candidacy for lieutenant governor, which will be settled in the primary to be held August 5. The third entry in the race is J. Taylor Elyson, the incumbent, who also is chairman of the Virginia central Democratic committee. Mr. Machen will make his fight on an anti-machine platform, which includes the adoption of the enabling act which will give the people of the State the right to vote on State-wide prohibition.

The situation in city council over the liquor licenses is so intense that it even overshadows the other two fights. Conferences were held all day yesterday between members of the common council and the board of aldermen seeking a satisfactory solution of the differences, but the lower board has firmly agreed to accept no more less than an increase of \$100 this year. In the meanwhile the prohibition element is using the deadlock as an argument against the saloons, and open threats of a local option election are being made. To obtain such an election it will be necessary to obtain the signatures of 400 qualified voters to a petition which must be presented to the judge of the corporation court. Under the law he must order the election.

The names of two score or more business and professional men will be presented to the grand jury by Charles H. Callahan, the commissioner of revenue, in corporation court tomorrow morning, for alleged failure to pay their State licenses and make proper returns of their business. The following criminal cases will be considered: James Johnson, colored, charged with feloniously cutting Daniel Tate, colored; Edward Tompkins, colored, petit larceny, third offense; Albert Stewart, colored, feloniously shooting Evie Porter, a small colored girl.

Application will be made shortly by Gardner L. Booth, attorney for the stockholders of the Emerson Steam Pump Company, to Judge Edmund Waddell of the United States district court, for a dismissal of the bankruptcy proceedings against the company. At a meeting of the creditors yesterday afternoon an agreement to accept 50 per cent on their claims was reached.

Final plans for the graduation exercises of the first year class to complete the full four-year course in the Alexandria High School, will be made tomorrow afternoon. The exercises will be held June 16, in the Young People's building. A speaker of national reputation has been invited to deliver the address.

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## RUNS AWAY TO WED HER STEP-BROTHER

Daughter of Mrs. A. J. Barchfeld Marries Son of Congressman at Philadelphia.

Running away to Philadelphia, with the assertion that she was going to Annapolis commencement exercises, Miss Helene Meyers, daughter of Mrs. A. J. Barchfeld, was married to Attorney Elmer A. Barchfeld, her stepbrother, the son of Congressman A. J. Barchfeld of Pennsylvania.

Congressman and Mrs. Barchfeld had no objection to the match, but they were entirely unaware that the wedding was to take place at this time.

The first news of the elopement of Miss Meyers came in a message last night to Gilbert B. Meyers, the bride's brother in Pittsburgh.

The young attorney left his home in Pittsburgh, Thursday on the plea that he was going to attend a class reunion at Princeton. Instead, he and his step-sister met at the Bolivar-Stratford in Philadelphia and were married. Then they continued on together to Princeton.

Mrs. Barchfeld has been prominent in both Pittsburgh and Washington society in the last ten years. Her husband is a member of the Allegheny county bar, having been admitted a year ago. The honeymoon trip will include a visit to Congressman and Mrs. Barchfeld next Thursday.

## Jailed for Demand on On President for \$5,000

Because of an alleged Black Hand demand for \$5,000 from President Wilson, Giuseppe Pomaro, of Youngstown, Ohio, is today in jail at Cleveland, unable to furnish \$5,000 bail.

Pomaro is believed a leader in a Black Hand gang which has operated in Ohio recently. The letter which United States Secret Service Operator Washburn is alleged to have traced to Pomaro, was addressed to the President May 20, saying: "Mr. President: Send \$5,000 or it will be worst for you. Giuseppe Pomaro, 28 North Watt street."

## Prof. Eastman Settles Old Family Law Suit

BOSTON, June 8.—The case of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Grogan, of Cambridge, Mass., against Prof. and Mrs. Charles E. Eastman has been settled out of court. An agreement in the case has been filed at the East Cambridge court.

Mrs. Grogan sued to recover property from the Eastmans, which she said was given to her under her father's will. Mrs. Eastman is her sister. Prof. Eastman was tried and acquitted of killing Mrs. Grogan's husband some years ago. He is now a professor at the Carnegie Institute, in Pittsburgh, and was formerly of the Harvard faculty.

## Fort Myer Cavalry to March to Winchester

The Fifteenth Cavalry at Fort Myer is under orders to march, fully equipped for field service, to Winchester, Va., for cavalry instruction from July 29 to September 30. Other troops have been ordered to take part in the instruction, which will seek to test out new drills.

## Slayer Still at Large.

PITTSBURGH, June 8.—William E. Sage, slayer of James McNair, a Pennsylvania ticket agent, is still at large, although detectives and railroad officers have been diligent in the search. Ralph Paulsen, McNair's assistant, who also was shot, has left the hospital.

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